SARA BERNHARDT A WIDOW.

Budden Death of Her Husband in a Paris Hotel.

CAUSED BY BRAIN CONGESTION.

No Decision as Yet in the Maybrick Case by the Home Secretary, But Commutation Be-

lieved in by Many.

Death of Jacques Damala. Copyright 1839 by James Gordon Bennett. Panis, August 18 .- [New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. !- Jacques Damala, Sara Bernhardt's husband, died suddenly this morning at a well known hotel in the Boulevard Periere. His health bad been very unsatisfactory for several months and he suffered greatly from the effects of the use of morphia, but the news of his death, the direct cause of which was congestion of the brain, will be a shock to his friends who have met him within the last few days. Such fame as the deceased had acquired was reflected from his wife. Born at Athens, Mr. Damala entered upon a career of diplomacy, but the young attache showed signs of being stage-struck, and gave up diplomacy for acting. He joined toe troupe with which Sara Bernhardt was starring Europe and speedily fell head over ears in love with the goldenvoiced siren. The incidents of his marriage, which took place on April 4, 1882, at St. Andrew's church, London, are well known, particularly his bride's rapid journey from Madrid to London and back.

The Maybrick Case. [Copyright 1889 by James Gordon Bennet.]

LONDON, August 18 .- | New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. |-No decision was arrived at by the home secretary to-day in regard to the sentence of Mrs. Maybrick, but the tendency of events is still in the direction I indicated yesterday. There is a great body of scientific opinion which is working in behalf of Mrs. Maybrick to this extent, that there is fair room for doubt whether she administered the arsenic of which her husband died. This opinion, proceeding from very eminent sources, holds that there is equally grave doubt as to Mrs. Maybrick's innocence, but the element of uncertainty is such as to justify the interference of the home secretary. There would then, at least, be time left for the production of new facts which might tend to clear up the mystery of Mr Maybrick's death. These views are undoubtedly having their influence with Mr. Mathews, whose position throughout has been of a very anxious and unenviable kind, But that the duty of deciding so dreadful a question should fall upon him is one of the great drawbacks of an office which is seldom a bed of roses. The abuse which has been heaped upon him is wholly undeserved, for he has given the most conscientious consideration to all the facts of the case, with the sole desire of seing that tustice is done. It may safely be said that the course taken by some of Mrs. Maybrick's friends was calculated to do her more harm than good. On the other hand, facts and arguments, such as those which have been put forward by the Herald, were entitled to que weight, and doubtless they have had it occur adverse to Mrs. Maybrick, which is scarcely probable. Her life is nearly certain to be spared. At the same time it is felt by very many who have taken no active part in this agitation that institution of a trial by jury, supposed to be the "pailadium of British liberties," will have received another severe blow by a reversal of the verdict found at the Liverpool trial. Success in this case will inevitably lead to similar agitations whenever a prisoner is convicted of murder who was not actually seen to strike the fatal blow or mix the deadly draught. No onwill be so auxious to have a court of appea established as the home secretary, but not upon the principle advocated by Lord Esher, which would leave the home secretary the ultimate arbiter after the court of appeals had pronounced its decision This would only make confusion worse confounded. The responsibility should be taken from the home secretary altogether if a court of appeal is established. The same alteration of the law would seem to be rendered neces sary by this Maybrick case, whatever the re sult of it may be.

Steamship Acrivals. At London-Sighted: The France, from New York; the British Princess, from Philadelphia for Liverpool.

At Havre-La Bretagne, from New York. At Plymouth-The Rugia, from New York, for Hamburg. At Queenstown-The Servia, from New

York, for Liverpool.

At Liverpool—The Rossmere, from Balti At Bremerhaven-The Aller, from New

At New York-The Hekla, from Copen hagen; the Alaska, from Liverpool; the Egyptian Monarch, from London; the Rhoetia, from Hamburg; the City of Columbia, from Havana; the Pokasset, from Mediterranean ports; the Aurena, from Liverpool

What Boulanger Wants.

LONDON, August 18 .- Five hundred French residents of London visited General Boulan ger in a body to-day, and presented him with an address of sympathy and confidence. The general in his speech said he never used money belonging to the French people except when trying to secure her against enemies. The French government did not dare avail themselves of the ordinary courts, but formed a special tribunal, composed of his political enemies, which had virtually condemned him before it met. In conclusion he said he only asked good faith from the French people and the triumph of the present rulers would be a thing of the past. money belonging to the Freuch people except ent rulers would be a thing of the past.

OTTAWA, August 18 .- The report of the customs agent at Victoria in the matter of the seizure by United States cruisers of Canadian scalers in Behring sea has reached the department of customs. Copies will be for-warded to the imperial government in support of the representations already made b the Dominion ministry to secure the settle-ment of the whole claim of the United States to the sole use and proprietorship of Behring

After the Fight. RICHMOND, Tex., August 18.—The situation is quiet here since the terrible riot in which Sheriff Garvey and ex-Sheriff Blakely lost their lives and several prominent citizens were wounded. As the sheriff has been killed and the deputy wounded, no arrests have been made, nor has any inquest been held. It is thought all will be left to the grand jury for settlement.

The Albambra Uninjured. Madrid, August 18 .- The report that the Alhambra had been damaged by the hurricane that visited Granaea yesterday is denied. The gardens in surrounding places were devastated by the storm, but the buildTHE UNDER WORLD.

The Great Japan Flood-Rioters Dispersed.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 18.—The steamer City of Sydney, from Hong Kong and Yokohama, which arrived this evening, was expected to bring the details of the earthquake at Kumamoto, the first news of which was cabled from Yokohama July 13. One cablegram gave the loss of life at 3,000. Another stated that almost the whole town of Kumamoto, with a population of 38,000, was destroyed. Full details had not been received when the City of Sydney left Yokohama, but a newspaper of that city, dated August 2, indicates no such loss as given by the cablegrams. Several late telegrams to Yokohama give the loss at twenty to thirty killed. The Japanese newspapers say, however, that by a great earthquake at Kumameto on July 28 many hills were rent, houses demolished and people killed and wounded. Another shock has been felt and the innabitants are fearing further disaster. The people have been seized with a superstition on account of the

hills being broken open.
The floods having subsided m various districts of Japan, a fairly accurate estimate of the damage done is obtained. Nine hundred the damage done is obtained. Nine hundred and thirty houses were destroyed by being washed away or broken up by colliding. Forty-one persons are knewn to have lost their lives. The overland China mail learns on July 6 that the rioters in Tohien, a province in China, had fled before approaching troops. Before leaving, however, they burned their boats. The attack on the Chin Chu villages is confirmed. For the loss of four or five of their countrymen last year the rioters revenged themselves by slaughterthe rioters revenged themselves by slaughtering between four and five hundred of the in-habitants of the Chin Chu villages, including women and children.

ARCADIE'S GROWTH.

A Thriving Nebraska Town Which Is Forging to the Front. ARCADIE, Neb., August 18.-[Special to THE BEE. !- While this thriving young village has never had a boom, it has never censed to grow, and there has never been a time since its start that new houses could not be found in process of erection. It is now approaching an era of great prosperity A failure of crops has never been known in this section, and the outlook now is better than ever before. Wheat and oats are yielding better than was expected, and farmers are wearing broad smiles on their faces. The corn crop bids fair to be immense. Ar-cadie is situated at the terminus of the Lincoin & Black Hills railroad, in one of the best agricultural districts in this section of the state. Land ranges in value from \$5 to \$15 per acre, according to improvements and location. The country is rapidly settling up with an intelligent, industrious and thrifty class of people. The county's traveling agent, Mr. G. W. Anderson, is now in Illiance. nois advertising this section of the county and directing the attention of land-seekers to its many advantages. This town has now 700 inhabitants and bids fair to double its population in the next year. Hon. M. L. Fries has just completed one of the finest residences in Valley county.

Improvements at Bloomington. BLOOMINGTON, Neb., August 18 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-Many improvements are being made, both in the business and residence portion of town. Two large fires devastated the main business part of town two years ago. The burned section has been mainly replaced by substantial brick buildings. Messrs, Sheppard & Black and B. Schobel, on the corner of Central and Seventh avenues, are now erecting a double brick, twostory block, 45x80 feet. Peter Petersen is having rock hauled for the foundation of a two-story brick addition to his bakery, making it 22x80 feet. Mr. Truman Carter, of Osborne, Kan., one of the owners of Truman & Carter's addition, is in town this week. He is contemplating the erection of a twostory brick business block on the north side

f the square.

H. C. Sheffield recently submitted a sample of granite stone he is quarrying to a paving contractor at Lincoln, who pronounced it of superior quality for that purpose. The B. & M railroad officials have signified their intention of sending a corps of engineers to find a practicable route to the quarries, about two miles southeast of town. If successful, this will open up an industry that will employ forty or fifty men.

The Nuckolls County Institute. NELSON, Neb., August 18 .- [Special to True BEE. |-The Nuckells county institute, which has been in session here for the past three weeks, closed yesterday. County Superintendent French had charge. One hundred and twenty-five teachers have been enrolled. Only two other counties in the state have as large an enrollment. The last week Miss May Swanson, of Fairfield, and Prof. Page, of this place, were the instructors, and have given entire satisfaction. The institute un-der their instruction has been one of the most enthusiastic and best working institutes ever held here.

Merrick County's Prohibition Ticket CENTRAL CITY, Neb., August 18 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-The prohibition county convention was held here yesterday with an attendance of about seventy. Twenty-nine delegates were elected to the state convention and the following ticket nominated: For treasurer. H. M. Cox; clerk, O. A. Wlard; judge, W. W. Kaser; sheriff, George A Clark; surveyor, W. F. Chase; superin-tendent of sshools, B. W. Baker; for coroier, E. L. Robinson.

A New Road For Franklin. FRANKLIN, Neb., August 18 .- | Special o THE BEE. |-This town has never nad had brighter prospects than now. The Missouri and Pacific railroad having decided to build their line from Burr Oak, Kan., to the coal fields of Wyoming, is now surveying a line to cross at Franklin to Holdrege. Surveyors are now surveying in this town. All crops are good so far as harvested, with prospects of an unusually large corn crop.

Marching on Fort Robinson. FORT ROBINSON, Neb., August 18 .-Special Telegram to THE BEE. -The troops of the several posts of the Department of the Platte ordered to take part in the summer encampment are within a day's march of this fort, the nearest being only seven mile away. Some of these commands will arrive to-morrow, but by Tuesday night all will have arrived on the grounds.

Only State Delegates Selected. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., August 18 .- | Special to THE BEE. |- The prohibitionists of Otoe county held a convention at Unadilla vesterday, but adjourned again to September 27 after electing state delegates. The county ticket will be nominated at the adjourned meeting.

Brown County Teachers. AINSWORTH, Neb., August 18 .- | Specia to THE BEE.]—The teachers' institute with Superintendent Douglas and Prof Van Eaton as instructors, closed yester day after a two weeks' session. There were forty-eight teachers curolled and all feel that it has been a very profitable and pleas

Only His Partner Was Guilty. Chicago, August 18. - Congressman Abner Taylor, who is a contractor, and prominently concerned in the construction of the Texas capitol, denies the recent report that he and Gus Wilke had been fined for importing contract labor. The facts are that Taylor was acquitted, while Wilke was convicted and obliged to pay the penalty and costs.

Congressman Randall III. PHILADELPHIA. August 18.—Congressman Samuel J. Randali has been confined to his bed for nearly a week by an attack of rheu-

TWENTY THOUSAND KNIGHTS

They Will Parade the Streets During the Templar Encampment

PAVING CONTRACTORS' METHODS

Mr. Barber's Fine Hand Shown at the Capital-He Objects Not So Much to the Price as to the Contractor.

WARHINGTON BUREAU, THE OMARA BEE,)

513 FOURTRENTH STREET. WASHINGTON, D. C., August 18. The Triennial committee of the Knights remplar met last night in their rooms at the Atlantic building for the purpose of hearing reports from sub-committees which are making arrangements for the coming grand encampment. The committee on excursions reported that they had hired the steamer Columbia for two days and the carriage committee announced the enagement of fifty vehicles for the use of the officers of the encampment on the day of the parade. The committee decided that it was advisable to hold a competitive drill, but each division will give an exhibition. Chairman Parker stated that the parade would be about two miles and a half in length and in view of this fact and the splendid condition of the Washington streets none of the marchers were in danger of being overcome with fatigue. It is the intention of the local commandery to make a proposition that all of the future conclaves shall be held in Washington.

Colonel M. W. Parker, chairman of the Triernial committee says that General Charles Room, grand master of the Knights Templar, is strongly in favor of Washington as the permanent place for all future meet ings of the body, and intends to use every ef-fort possible to make it so. The Knights Templar are a law-making body, said Colonel Parker, as well as congress, and he favors Washington because it is the national

capital. "How many knights will be in attendance on the conclave?"
"Between 17,000 and 18,000 have already been quartered, and there will probably be 20,000 in all. One of the most novel features of the occasion will be the presence of twen-ty-seven boys from the Masonic home at ty-seven boys from the Masonic home at Louisville, Ky. The home is situated a few miles out from the city of Louisville, and is one of the prettiest places I ever saw. The home contains about the same number of boys as girls and all are kept until they can be comfortably settled. The boys will all wear Knight Templar uniform, and will receive a lot of attention. I think it would be an excellent idea myself to have a home of the same kind in Washington, and letters of the same kind in Washington, and letters have been received from commanders in a number of different states urging us to hold exhibition drills during the conclave, for the purpose of raising funds to erect the same, which will probably be done.

A SLEEK PAVING CONTRACTOR. It has not to be the custom for municipal reformers to point to the government of the District of Columbia, which means the city of Washington, as the place above all others on earth which is nearest the form which will be found prevailing universally when the millenneum strikes us. It is urged in behalf of the commissioners' scheme of government, or government without representament, or government without representa-tion, that there can be no jobbery, no trick-ery, or any waste in the distribution of pub-lic moneys for public improvements. It is claimed that the absence of the susceptible board of aldermen and the watchful eye which congress maintains over the affairs of the capital city serves to prevent anything like jobbery. The fact that the improvements of the streets are paid for out of a fund, and that there is no necessity for buy-ing up committees, or aldermanic bodies for the purpose of securing the contract, makes it impossible for rings to rule; but Washing ton is just now entering upon an experience

shows that this utopean theory is not well founded. Congress at its last session provided for the resurfacing of the asphalt pavement on Pennsylvania avenue, between the capitol and Seventeenth street. The district com-missioners, who form the municipal govern-ment, awarded the whole contract under an oid bid of the Cranford Pavement company.
Immediately the pioneer of asphalt streets,
A. L. Barber, who is reputed to have made
millions out of his monopoly of the product
of Trinidad, entered a formal protest against the price proposed to be paid. He insisted that it was altogether too high, and that he was ready to give bonds to do the work at a was ready to give obness to do the work at a much lower figure, which would have re-sulted in the saving of many thousands of dollars to the taxpayers of Washington and the country at large. Mr. Barber appealed to the courts to issue an injunction, restraining the commissioners from closing the con tract with the Cranford company. He was turned out of court, however, practically on turned out of court, however, practically on the ground that he was an interested com-petitive bidder, and that he was not acting for the public weifare. Then Mr. Barber in-duced some of his friends, who are largely interested in district real estate, to renew the protest which he had made. Affidavits were secured as easy as patent medicine certifi-cates to the effect that the contract proposed to be entered into was against the public good, and that there was no reason why it it should be put into effect, masmuch as the the Barber Asphalt Pavement company stood ready to perform the work for a lower figure. It looked for a while as though the contest between these two corporations would result in delaying the resurfacing of the avenue long enough to prevent its use for the Knights Templar conclave, but all of a sudden there was a cessation of hostility, and now it is announced that A. L. Barber & Co., will pave about two-fifths of the street, while the Cranford company will do the remainder. It is also stated that Barber will not be known in the zontract, but that he will simply act for the Cranford company. and that the price which he will receive will be just the same as paid to Cranford for the work which he (Barber) will perform. This subject is interesting in that the Barber com-pany is a prominent competitor for paving contracts in a number of the larger cities in

THE SECRETARIES' DWELLINGS. The residence on K street, leased by Secretary and Mrs. Noble for their next season's occupancy, was originally owned by Hen Halliday. Upon his death the property was disposed to Mr. Henry Willard, and is one of the most complete and elegant mansions in the city. The secretary has taken it upon a lease of three years and will have for his near neighbor Assistant Secretary Clarkson, who will occupy the dwelling ad-Clarkson, who will occupy the dweiling ad-joining that of Senator Sherman, thus form-ing a pleasant circle of near neighbors among the new officials, should the secre-tary of war decide favorably in regard to the Stanton house as a future home. Secretary Rusk is not far off in his house on Massachusetts avenue, near Fourteenth street, and Secretary Tracy and Postmaster General Bwanamaker will be within one square of each other. Secretary Windom has not as yet oeen able to suit himself with a future residence in Washington aithough numerous handsome houses in the west end numerous handsome houses in the west end have been under consideration.

A VALUABLE COMPILIATION.

The state department has recently sent out to all consuls circulars instructing them to report to the department the laws of the respective countries respecting liens, mortgages and the collection of debts. When the re-plies to this circular shall have been received they will be compiled and published in book form. It is expected that the result will be one of the most valuable legal compilations ever issued by the government. It will prove especially valuable in commercial cities where business is done with foreign countries, and the department expects that there will be a great demand for the volume.

THE CANADIAN QUESTION IN CONGRESS. Congressman R. R. Hitt, of Illinois, and Congressman Butterworth, of Ohio, will probably be the leading figures on the house side in one of the most important affairs of legislation to come up at the next session of

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congress. Major Butterworth and Mr. Hitt have, for the past three or four years, stood in the front ranks of members of the house advocating closer commercial relations with Canada. The recent spizures of Canadian scalers in Behring sea, and the chances of further difficulties on the Atlantic coast upon the expiration of the modus vivendi, will give the subject of our relations with Canada even more interest in the next house than it had in the last.

Mr. Hitt is a strong advocate of commercial union between the colonies on the north and the United States. While other men have devoted their time and talent to securing a zollverein to embrace the republics of

have devoted their time and talent to securing a zoliverein to embrace the republics of Central and South America, or in other words, to unite in one grand commercial body the Latin races on the south with the Anglo-Saxon on the north, but excluding the Canadian provinces, Mr. Hitt has loosed upon this scheme as far less feasible than an arrangement between the United States and Canada, because of the closer ties which bind the more northern countries. The United States and Canada, speaking as they do one language, and springing from the do one language, and springing from the same general stock, are fitted by nature as well as by location for commercial as well as political unity, while there is nothing what-ever in the characters or resources of the people of the Spanish American countries to people of the Spanish American countries to make it either probable or desirable that the United States should enter into an a'liance with them which could only be fraught with constant misunderstandings and bickerings. Major Butterworth took the bulls by the horns in the last congress when he introduced his resolution looking to political alliance with Canada and the United States. While there are many men in congress to-day who think that the time will come in the future when British North America will be absorbed into the Morth America will be absorbed into the United States, and when the flag with a hundred stars will float over the entire territory north of the Rio Grande, these men are not ready to believe that this grand scheme for the extension of the United scheme for the extension of the United States' territory can be carried out for many years to come, but the idea of commercial union has made rapid strides forward since Mr. Hitt first advocated it years ago, and it is the opinion of both parties that the time is rapidly approaching when Canada and the United States will have some definite understanding and the Fifty-first congress is expected to make long strides in this direction. this direction.

THE DISTRICT'S FINANCES. The arbitrary tax rate in the city of Washington and District of Columbia has been fixed for some years at 1½ per cent. This rate includes everything and besides serving to supply the necessary funds for the maintenance of the institutions of the district and to pay all the charges for special improvements, it has resulted in the accumulation of a surplus of something more than \$1,000,000, which is placed to the credit of the District of Columbia in the national the District of Columbia in the national treasury. The system upon which taxation is based is that congress appropriates money for the police, schools, fire and all other departments, and then ope-half of the total is paid by the district, while the other half is drawn from the general fund of the United States in the hands of the United States in the hands of the United States treasurer. Although the 1½ per cent tax rate has been amply sufficient to all the requirements of the government up to the present time, a great many complaints have been heard because of the fact that large tracts of land held for speculative purposes have been asheld for speculative purposes have been as-sessed at a rate lower than they sold for ten years ago. The consequence has been that a new assessment has just been made with a result which is anything but satisfactory to

result which is anything but satisfactory to the real estate speculators.

In some cases outlaying lands which less than five years ago sold for \$100 an acre are, by the next assessment, rated for taxation at \$500 an acre. Building lots within the corporate limits of the city of Washington, which were rated at 5 cents per square foot last year, are to-day assessed at 25, 30, and even 75 cents in some cases. Among the most prominint real estate holders, who under the new assessment will be required to add many thousands of dollars to the revenue of the District of Columbia, is John Sherman. Senator Sherman owns unim-Sherman. Senator Sherman owns unim proved tracts of land beyond the boundary on Fourteenth street, near Mrs. Logan's res idence, upon which the taxes will be in paying \$200 or \$300 a year the Ohio senator will be called upon to contribute more than a thousand. He has property in almost every section of the city, and among his holdings are two or three hundred small building lots lots in the vicinity of the government printing office. Here the assessed rates have been almost quadrupled, and not a single piece of property held in the name of John Sherman has escaped with less than 50 per cent acrease, and from this it ranges up as as high as ten fold. Mr. Sher-man's property is all valuable, and he will doubtless be able to pay the taxes assessed against him without mortgaging any of it; but it is likely that the action of the assessors in this particular case will have a very beneficial effect upon the taxpayers of the district in general, as Mr. Sherman is likely to prove a powerful

advocate for a lower tax rate.

Another Ohio member of congress who will be called upon to contribute more liberally to the revenues of the district on ac-count of the new tax rate is Major Butterworth. This gentleman owns a lot about 150x200 feet, containing a total area of about thirty thousand square feet, which has been raised from about \$3,000 to \$7,500. The new ssessments caused a great deal of growling from all classes, and inasmuch as the 114 per cent rate law resulted in an enormous sur plus revenue, it is probable that the people of the District of Columbia will have their tax rate reduced, if congress has anything to say about it.

MORE PEARL FINDS.

Over a Thousand Picked Up Near Prairie du Chien.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis., August 18 .- The pearl hunters' craze has struck here, and the largest number of pearls yet reported in this state has been gathered during the past day or two. More than one thousand pearls were sent from here yesterday by two or three parties. Some of the pearls are quite large and very valuable. While hunting pearls to-day a man by the name of Lareque fished up a large bombshell that had proba-bly laid in the river for a great many years, probable from the time of the capture of the bably from the time of the capture of the

Preferred Death to Disgrace. Kansas City, August 18 .- A. Musser, at one time a well known and respected citizen of Brunswick, Mo., was arrested yesterday afternoon at the union depot, charged with tne theft of numerous satchels. To-day, guarded by two officers, he was taken out to find certain papers he had secreted, and while passing a cable road he threw himself in front of a passing train before the officers could restrain him and sustained fatal in-

The Weather Forecast. For Nebraska: Showers in western por tion, fair in eastern portion, followed during afternoon or evening by showers; cooler ex cept in extrame southeast portion, stationary temperature, southerly winds.

For Iowa: Fair, followed by local show ers; stationary temperature in southeast, cooler in northwest portion, southerly winds. For Dakota: Light local showers, cooler in southern, stationary temperature in north ern portion, variable winds.

Sullivan in Cincinnati. CINCINNATI, August 18 .- John L. Sullivan arrived here to-night. He was met by John Sullivan, of this city, and as soon as the two left the train they became the head of a rapidly spreading and encircling procession of train men and others who had got within the

train enclosure. The enthusiastic crowd cheered Sullivan frequently. Patti at Home.
London, August 18.—[Special Cablegra m to Tue Bee.]—Mme. Adelina Patti, who has been making a tour of the principal cities in South America, arraved to-day at South ampton and proceeded at once to Craig-

COUNTY RECORDERS' TURN.

They Perfect a State Organization at Des Moines.

IOWA BONIFACES IN CONCLAVE.

Commissioner Dev For Governor-Says He Wouldn't if He Could-He Poses as a Philosopher-Seni One Sed.

County Recorders Organize. DES MOINES, In., August 18 .- [Special to THE BEE. |- A large number of the county recorders of Iowa met in this city during the past week and perfected a state organization. Heretofore there have been state organizations of most other county officers and the recorders thought it was their turn now. There was a fair attendance from different parts of the state, and the following permanent officers were elected: President, Joseph E. Noble, of Chickasaw county; vice president, Joe Cunningham, of Jasper county; secretary, Miss Ellen Scott, of Worth county, and treasurer, George C. Sims, of Polk county. The constitution adopted provides for the membership of all recorders and their deputies, and all ex-recorders and ex-deputy recorders. The object

ings hereafter. Bonifaces in Conclave. DES MOINES, Ia., August 18 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-The notel keepers of Iowa also held their annual meeting in this city during the past week. They elected officers for the year as follows: President, P. G. Ballingall, Ottumwa; vice-president, Frank Risely, DesMonnes; secretary and treas-urer, C. F. Wightman. Important committees were named for the ensuing year, among them a committee on national affairs as follows: D. Wormley, Chariton; J. C. Man-chester, Ottumwa; A. B. Cox, Marshall-town. It was decided to admit women to

of the association is partly for the promotion of mutual social relations and partly to be

able to secure by united action such changes

and reforms pertaining to their office as may seem desirable. They will have annual meet-

membership on the same terms as men. Philosophical Dey. DES MOINES, Ia., August 18.- | Special to THE BEE. |-Commissioner Dey had been discussed to some extent as a possible democratic candidate for governor. His election as railroad commissioner last fall, the first gemocrat to be elected to a state office, had made some democrats think that he would be an invincible candidate for governor. He has now written a letter positively declining to be considered in that connection. He freely admits that he was elected by a combination of circumstances that is not likely soon to occur again. Then he philosophizes on the drawbacks to the office of governor, and gives reasons why he thinks he shouldn't want to be governor if he could. He thinks the man who is governor has a great deal of care and anxiety and trouble, and when he is through with that office has an unsatisfied yearning for further political honors. As a bit of philosophy, Colonel Dey's explanation of his refusal to be a candidate does very well. but it is generally supposed that if there were a very good chance of his being nominated and elected, he would throw his phil-

sophy to the dogs, The Coming Fair. DES Moines, Ia., August 18.- | Special to THE BEE. |-In less than two weeks the annual fair will commence in this city. Unusual attractions in the way of exhibits are offered this year, and a great crowd is expected. The business men of Des Moines have arranged for a great night carnival, something after the order of Mardi Gras, to be held three evenings of fair week. One Sed" is the Arabic name it bears, and the performance and street display will be very fine. It is an experiment in the way of city entertainments, but it is believed that it will be a great success.

The Republican Ticket. DES MOINES, Ia., August 18 .- [Special to THE BEE.] - Ther epublicans tate ticket nominated last week is meeting with a very favorable reception all over the state. Republicans generally regard it as a very strong and a satisfactory outcome of the protracted fight at the state convention. If either Mr. Wheeler or Captain Hull had been nominated there would have been much soreness within the party for some time. Now there is none, Hutchison is a level headed business man, inclined to be conservative on most public questions. The nomination of Senator Poyneer for lieutenant governor pleases the farmers, as he is a genuine, and not a fancy farmer. His hands and muscles show the result of personal contact with hard farm work. He has been a member of the state senate for eight years, and while there made an excellent record as an intelligent and con scientious legislator. The other officers named were nominated by acclamation. There has not been for years a ticket that has given such general satisfaction, or that was followed after the convention by so little soreness and bitterness among the defeated.

It will have an old time majority this fall. A Mail Pouch Stolen.

Sr. Louis, August 18 .- It is claimed that a registered letter pouch, supposed to contain parcels valued at \$10,000, was stolen from a mail car on the Vandalia road while the clerks were at supper at Terre Haute last night. The postmaster said that the only in-formation he had was that the pouch had een stolen and afterwards found near the track, cut and rifled of its contents. He could give no idea of the value of the contents, but said that probably a large portion was checks, which would not be negotiable.

Severe Storms in Minnesota. St. Paul, Minn., August 18 .- Severe storms are reported at Planuiew and St. Villard last night. A heavy hail storm, accompanied by a strong wind, struck about six miles north of St. Villard and did great damage to the wheat not yet in shock Chunks of ice an inch square were found. At Plainview, during a severe thunder shower, Bartley Costelio, a stage driver, was truck by lightning and instantly killed.

The Death Record. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 18.-Rev. R. D. Robinson, D. D., one of the most prominent Methodist ministers of the state

Plexy. New York, August 18.—Sigmund Kaufman, a prominent lawyer and leading Ger-man-American citizen of New York, died in Berlin Saturday. He was a Lincoln elector in 1860. He will be cremated at Gothea,

dropped dead at his home to-night of appo

Held For Robbing a Train KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 18 .- Friday aft ernoon James and Howe Pullen, brothers, were arrested in this city charged with roboing a Wabash train on August 3. They were quietly taken to Liberty and confine in the county fail there, where they have been kept ever since. Howe Pullen is a roustabout on a river steamer, and Jim is the driver of an ice wagon in Randolph, Mo.

Murderous Jealousy. MEMPHIS, Tenn., August 18 .- Parker Harris (colored), aged thirty years, killed his wife, Lethe, to-night, by cutting her throat with a pocket-knife. He afterwards cut his own throat and inflicted wounds that in all probability will be fatal. Jealousy was the CAUSE OF LAIRU'S DEATH.

The Theory That His Brain Was Affected Disposed of. HASTINGS, Neb., August 18 .- | Special to THE BEE. |-The theory that James Laird died of softening of the brain is disposed of by an examination of his brain, which was

found in perfect condition, weighing fiftythree ounces. His face was somewhat emaciated, though otherwise he showed no signs of being a sick man.

The report of the examiners reads as fol-"We, the undersigned, as a result of a post mortem made upon the body of James Laird, find his brains normal, heart normal, lungs normal, liver normal, stomach normal, kidnevs normal, spleen very soft and pliable, parts of small intestines congested, rectum abnormal and in a very unhealthy condition. We find that the cause of his death was acute

septicæmia." The report is signed by Ralph J. Irwin, F. J. Schafelberger, M. V. B. McKinney and

T. H. Urouhart. The examination was made in the presence of fifteen physicians, under the direction of Coroner Irwin, The examining committee agreed that the septic poison was absorbed in wounds from an operation for hemorrhoids performed on Wednesday. The skin was found to be purple over the entire body. The physicians disagreed as to the necessity

of the operation. Laird will be interred in Park View cometery, in Hastings, alongside of his father, mother and brothers. His colleagues, Senators Manderson and Paddock and Representatives Dorsey and Connell, will act as pall bearers. The funeral will take place on Monday at 1 o'clock, at the First Presbyte-rian church. The Hon. J. G. Tate will con-

rian church. The Hon, J. G. Tate will conduct the services.

Silas A. Strickland post, G. A. R., No. 13, of this city, will have charge of the funeral.

G. A. R. posts from central Nebraska and the Republican valley have wired their intentions of assisting in the obsequies.
Mr. and Mrs. James Begen, aunt and uncle
of Congressman Laird, reached Hastings to-

day from Gilman, Ill., to attend the obseques.

Governor Thayer, accompanied by his staff, state officers and ex-state officers, will arrive to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock in a special train, to attend the funeral. In all, the party will be composed of sixteen persons. The party will have with it a hand-

some floral offering. THE CLEARANCE RECORD.

Financial Transaction; of the Coun-

try For the Past Week. Boston, August 18 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The following table, compiled from dispatches from the managers of the leading clearing houses in the cities named, shows the gross exchanges for the week ended August 17, 1889, with rates per cent of increase or decrease as compared with the amounts for the corresponding week of 1888:

| CITIES, | CLEARINGS. | ncrease | derease |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------|
| New York | \$000,525,336 | 10.5 | |
| Boston | 73,913,923 | Caracina de | 4.4 |
| Chicago | 64,837,000 | 12.8 | - 2 |
| Philade paia | 60,494,808 | 10.1 | 5.3 |
| St. Louis | 18,971,598 18,001,950 | 3.8 | |
| Balamore | 12,839,874 | 4.3 | - 1 |
| Pittsbarg | 10,761,362 | 2.5 | |
| Cincinnati | 9,565,600 | 8.5 | |
| *Montreal | 8,750,912 | - | |
| Kanuas City | 8,474,965 | 17.7 | |
| †Louisville | 7,095,619 | 49.0 | |
| +Detroit | 5,156,143 | 9.5 | |
| Omaha | 4,681,643 | 26.4 | |
| Milwaukes | 4,549,009 | 22.4 | |
| St. Paul | 4,444,144 | 21.3 | |
| Providence | 4,352,900 | 6.5 | |
| Minneapolis | 3,791,374 | 12.1 | |
| Denver. | 3.658.813 | 52.8 | |
| Cleveland | 3,492,493 | 25.0 | |
| *Buffalo | 2,822,076 | | |
| Columbus | 2,225,300 | 22.7 | |
| Richmond | 1,803,947 | 19.2 | |
| Dallas | 1,883,087 | 126.0 | |
| Springfield | 1,882,585 1,635,623 | 9.1 | |
| Indianapolis | 1,419,758 | 3.8 | |
| Peoria. | 1,411,242 | 23.1 | |
| Memphis | 1,377,812 | 26.0 | |
| *Portland, Ore | 1,2:0,907 | 30.0 | L |
| St. Joseph | 1,257,974 | | L. 2 |
| New Haven | 2.038.393 | 8.0 | |
| Daluth | 1,012,754 992,448 | 2000 | 55.7 |
| Worcester Portland, Me | 992,448 | 15.3 | |
| Portland, Me | 916,728 | 5.8 | |
| Fort Worth | 291,252 | 46.4 | |
| Lowell | 711,666 | 23.2 14.8 | |
| Wichita | 693,923 641,936 | 6.2 | |
| Grand Rapids | 634,039 | 14.6 | |
| Syracuse | 618,931 | 20.9 | 1 |
| +Des Moines | 606,138 | 5.6 | |
| *Tacoma | 582,390 | | |
| Los Angeles | 581,101 | | 21.8 |
| *Hirmingham | 545,047 | _ | 1 |
| Norfolk | 607,510 | | 2.0 |
| *Sioux City | 447,448 | 200 | |
| Topeka | 378,104 | 16.8 | |
| Total | \$951,899,549 | 8.7 | |
| Outside New York. | 351,374,206 | | 1 |

*Not included in totals; no clearing nouse at this time last year. *Last week's figures.

A FLIGHT TOWARD HEAVEN. Two-Year-Old Sophie Schwab Goes Bal.ooning.

CHICAGO, August 18.-Little two-year-old Sophie Schwab involuntarily became a balloonist to-day and was wafted high up over the broad bosom of Lake Michigan. A rifleman's skill saved the child's life. The exciting incident took place at Sheffield park, and was witnessed by 15,000 picnickers. An Italian peddler of toy balloons attempted to serve two purchasers at once, and in doing so let go his string of bright-colored globes, The cord got twisted about Sophie's left arm and also in her hair. The buoyant bubbles started heavenward, taking the youthful aeronaut along, Sopnie's mother shricked and fainted. The by-standers stood horror-stricken, scarcely breathing, as the balloons swept close to a large oak tree and the infant grabbed a handful of twigs and stopped her flight. A muscular young German ascended the tree in an instant and then crept out on the branch nearest the child. At this moment Sophie's puny strength gave out and the balloons, suddenly released, went upward again at least 100 feet, drifting out over the lake. Gust Koch, a sharpshooter who was attending the picnic, with his repeating rifle hurriedly jumped into a skiff with two companions and pulled out into range. Koch succeeded in piercing several of the balloons, each successful shot helping the bunch to descend. Before it finally reached water they were on the spot, and little Sophie did not even get her feet wet.

Hindoocraft and Irene Sold.

Saratoga, N. Y., August 18.—The investigation of the turf scandal, which resulted in the expulsion of the Chickasaw stable on account of Baliston's unsatisfactory performance in the race with Retrieve two weeks ago, will be resumed before the meeting of stewards next Wednesday. Scoggin Bros. have sold Hindoocraft and Irene to some one unknown, but who is said to be a New York society man, for \$15,000.

Carnot's Address.

DPARIS, August 18.-President Carnot delivered an address at a banquet to-day to 13,000 mayors and communal delegates. He said the French people, though crushed for a time, had shown their power to recover and make their sovereign voice heard by remov-ing parties still aiming to undermine the edifice raised by the fathers of the republic.

No Ball at Cincinnati. CINCINNATI. August 18 .- There was no ball game here to-day, as the authorities threatened yesterday that if one was played they would break it up by arresting the president and all the players.

SULPHUR FROM COAL OIL.

Discovery of a Process For Ita Complete Extraction.

IT WILL STAGGER THE STANDARD.

An Investment of Only a Few Thou sand That Will Bring in Three Millions-The Elixir Sensation Eclipsed.

A Genuine Gold Mine. LIMA, O., August 18 .- [Special Telegram

to Tue Ber. |-The one thing that is talked of now among oil men is the great discovery by the New Paragon Oil company of how to completely extract suppur from coal oil. To do this has been the aim of oil men ever since oil began to be used as an illuminator, The fact that the Paragon company, and an independent company-as all that are not Standard companies are called-has realized the chief desire of the oil world, has created much more of a sensation than the discovery of the clixir of life, for the discovery means a speedy acquirement of millions. The Paragon Oil company has its headquarters and refinery at Toledo, where the refinery has been in operation but a few weeks, and it has not fairly got into the business, so it had, practically, no good will to be bought or sold. Imagine, then, the value of the discovery they have made when the Standard has offered to buy the Paragon people out for \$3,000,000. The sum is fabulous. The refinery of the Paragon company cost \$30,000, and it has invested several thousand in oil leases, but good authorities say :t cannot have invested \$200 .-000 in all. The process is said to be of the simplest possible character and the wonder is that it was not discovered sooner. The is that it was not discovered sooner. The Standard people admit that the discovery is the greatest rival they have ever had and that if the syndicate owning the new gas fleids in Kentucky and Tennessee get the process it will be a heavy blow to them.

HANGED AND SHOT.

The Fate of a Bolored Fiend at Potter, Ga.

SAVANNAH, Ga., August 18.-Walter Asburg (colored) was lynched at Potter this. morning for an assault upon Lula Kissman, seventeen years old, yesterday. She was terribly beaten in the struggle with her assailant, but successfully resisted him. Hercries attracted a colored man, who rescued her. Asburg sprang through the door and escaped, and in the next hour knocked down a woman, seized a double barrel shotgun and fled to the woods. In another hour the whole town was in pursuit. At midnight the negro was found at a danceabout a mile from the assault. He was taken back to the girl's house and sne identified him. He confessed his crime and begged for mercy. Three hundred masked men. hurried him to the open field near the railroad, where he was strung up to a tree and-riddied with bullets.

LONGFELLOW'S EXPERIMENTS. In Forty Cases the Elixir Does Good

Work. CINCINNATI, August 18 .- Dr. L ongfellow, who was mentioned in the Associated press report yesterday in connection with the-Brown-Sequard elixir, called at the office of the Associated press this evening and stated that he treated forty-five patients with the elixir. Of that number forty had been benefitted a good deal and the others less. In but one case has any special inflammation resulted, and that was far from dangerous, The results so far have been permanent, notwithstanding the newspaper reports to

the contrary. NEBBASKA CROPS.

Reports of a Splendid Outlook Still Coming In. The following crop reports have been received by the Dun mercantile agency:

RED WILLOW. Crops in this county are better than ever before. The wheat crop has proved excellent and corn has a magnificent prospect. Oats will be a little lighter than last year, but a good crop. The principal crops last. year were wheat and corn. The acreage this year is about one-fourth greater than last. Prospects for all crops are good. Farmers show a tendency to pay their old debts as far as their means will permit. The merchauts report a fair and increasing trade.

The crop outlook is generally unfavorable in this county, though in some portions it is good. Around this town crops are good but limited in area. They are also good along the northern edge of this table land, near the base of the hills. All north of township 32 has been very dry. Grain is short and hay scarce. Wheat is about one-third of a crop and oats nearly a total failure. Corn is better and the copious rains of the last few days cause it to promise a fair yield if frost. holds off. South of the town there are no crops to speak of in the county, as none have been planted. The drouth has been the most severe along the state line, increasing to the

north. The principal crops are corn, wheat and cats. Corn is as good, if not better, than last year. Wheat is far better and oats the same. There is no failure of any crops this year.

Oats was the principal crop last year, with considerable wheat and corn. The acreage-this year is double that of last, and about the same in variety. Prospects this year were favorable till the recent drouth in this

county, which will make only half a corn crop Small grain is as good as last year, which was excellent. Merchants report. trade and collections as good as usual, which is fair. This is a new county. This county was only organized last spring. Settlement was begun in 1836 by a few families and was settled very rapidly by an in-

dustrious class of people. The principal crops planted are wheat, oats and potatoes. The acreage has been small until last spring, when quite a large crop of all were planted. The crops were very good last year, considering the newness of the soil. The acreage this year is about double that of last season. In some parts of the county there are very good prospects for crops. In others drouth and in others hall has destroyed all growing crops. Prospects are fair for trade. Colcrops. Prospects are fair for trade. Col-lections are fair. Some families, as in all new counties, are dissatisfied and will move elsewhere.

PRANKLIN.

The recent showers renew the confidence already inspired of the largest crop of cornever grown in the Republican valley. Nothing but hall or a very early frost will present the confidence of t ever grown in the Republican valley. Nothing but hall or a very early frost will prevent it. Small grain is all harvested, and much of the wheat and oats is threshed. Wheat is turning out from 12 to 25 bushels per acre, oats from 30 to 45. Potatoes will be plenty and of good quality. The recent rains have a tendency to start a second growth on the late varieties, but it will not materially affect the supply.

materially affect the supply. A Doctor Suicides.

DULUTH, Minn., August 18.—Dr. A. B. Lynde, of Milwaukee, who arrived at the Hotel St. Louis six days ago, committed suicide at the hotel some time during the night. When the chambermaid entered the room this morning he was found dead with his throat cut. He is supposed to have been well-to-do and he had a large amount of bag-gage and seemed well fixed for money. He was an optum eater. He was about thirty-